

WHAT'S ON

The Monthly Newsletter of The Free Church (United Reformed)
St Ives and Fenstanton URC Church

View from the manse...



Where is the Good News?

Autumn has come suddenly this year!

It is wet and grey and much colder. It can be a depressing time of year – when we want to curl up inside in front of the telly rather than go out for a walk in the park. And sadly, the news that we hear and read about each day is equally discouraging – the war between Israel and Gaza and the ongoing war of Russia in Ukraine, the continuing cost of living crisis and high energy prices, the reality of climate change bringing greater weather extremes to many nations.

And more locally, the government is now planning to close the Hotel where asylum seekers who are waiting for their claims for asylum to be processed are staying and to transfer them, probably to ex-army barracks, where they will no longer be able to be part of a town community.

I have sent a letter to our MP Jonathan Djanogly on behalf of our Churches Together and invite others to do so as well, to register our dismay at this unnecessary and inhumane policy.

It is true that there doesn't seem to be much good news around at the moment, but our Christian faith is based on the 'gospel' or 'Good News' that God loves us - in fact God loves the world so much - that he came amongst us in the person of Jesus Christ so that the eternal divine being can relate to us at our level and understand the joys and sorrows of human life.

And in Christ, God sacrificed himself to bring healing and reconciliation where there has been conflict and division, restoration to the created world, and hope for the future where there has been despair.

NOVEMBER 2023

Services this month:

THE FREE CHURCH, ST IVES

5th Nov Revd Dr Catherine Ball
Holy Communion

12th Nov Remembrance Service at
Market Hill

19th Nov Revd Dr Catherine Ball

26th Nov Revd Dr Catherine Ball

FENSTANTON URC CHURCH

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Moreover, God sent the Holy Spirit to speak to people's hearts and to draw people to himself and to be with us throughout our lives. We need never be alone to face any of life's challenges.

Let us share this good news with others by encouraging each other in the faith and by showing God's compassion and understanding with our neighbours, particularly those in need. God loves us and so we are to love one another! Let it be so!

Catherine



What's on in NOVEMBER



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| Mon - Sat | 10:00 - 10:15 | Chapel Prayers |
| Mon - Sat (not Thurs) | 09:45 - 14:00 | Tookeys Café |
| Mondays | 09:30 - 13:45 | Tookeys Snack Bar |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | Indoor Bowls |
| Wed (term time only) | 10:00 - 11:30 | Tots & Carers group |
| Thursdays | 14:30 - 16:00 | Migrant Welcome |
| Sundays | 11:00 | Worship |
| Wed 1st | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 11:00 - 13:00 | U3A Current Affairs |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| Thu 2nd | 09:15 - 13:30 | Shirley's Coffee Shop in Tookeys |
| | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | WI |
| Fri 3rd | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby with Bobbi |
| | 10:00 - 17:00 | St Ives PhotoClub Annual Exhibition |
| Sat 4th | 09:30 - 15:30 | Saints Crafters |
| | 10:00 - 17:00 | St Ives PhotoClub Annual Exhibition |
| Tue 7th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 8th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies' Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 18:45 - 19:45 | Walkeoke with Bobbi |
| Thu 9th | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| Fri 10th | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby with Bobbi |

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| Sat 11th | 09:00 - 15:00 | Hunts Blind Craft Fayre |
| | 19:30 | St Ives Choral Society: 'Messiah' |
| Tue 14th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 15th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies Choir |
| | 11:00 - 13:00 | U3A Current Affairs |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 19:00 - 21:30 | HRAA St Ives Gardening Club |
| Thu 16th | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| Fri 17th | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby with Bobbi |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | U3A Local History |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | Civic Society public meeting |
| Sat 18th | 10:00 - 12:00 | Climate Café: St Ives Eco Action |
| | 10:00 - 13:15 | Diabetes Prevention |
| Tue 21st | 10:00 - 12:00 | Dementia Cafe |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 22nd | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| Thu 23rd | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |
| | 14:30 | St Ives Free Church Poetry Group |
| Fri 24th | 10:00 - 11:00 | Disco Baby with Bobbi |
| | 10:00 - 16:00 | Hunts Art Group Exhibition |
| | 13:00 | COSI lunchtime concert: Bach & Beyond |
| Sat 25th | 10:00 - 16:00 | Hunts Art Group Exhibition |
| | 19:30 | St Ives Community Choir concert |
| Mon 27th | 19:30 - 20:30 | Zumba with Juliette |
| Tue 28th | 19:00 - 21:00 | St Ives Photographic Club |
| Wed 29th | 10:00 - 11:30 | Hemingford Ladies Choir |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Senior Citizens Club |
| | 19:00 - 21:00 | RSPB |
| Thu 30th | 09:45 - 10:45 | Sunny Steps |
| | 12:00 - 14:00 | Keep Fit FaME (Falls Management Exercise) |

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CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 19th November

after worship

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Lunchtime Recital
Friday 24th November, 1pm
Free Church, St Ives

Bach and Beyond

Oboe ~ Gillian Atherton
Violin ~ Sally Merson
Piano ~ Julian Merson

Entry Free
Voluntary donation in aid of The Free Church

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www.stivesfreechurch.org,
click on the Newsletter link on the home page, enter your email address and click on the subscribe button.

St Ives Community Choir
Under the Moon of Love
Saturday 25 November - 7:30pm
The Free Church, St Ives



Tickets £6.00 adults / £3.00 children
Available from the Free Church office and on the door
Doors open at 7pm
Raffle & Refreshments available
www.stivescommunitychoir.org

Concert in support of
ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity 1011816

ST IVES CHORAL SOCIETY

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Arwen Gilbert
with Camerata East

Handel's Messiah

Soprano Hannah McKay
Mezzo Soprano Rachel Resper
Tenor Josiah Hutton
Bass Alex Zassidko

FREE CHURCH, ST IVES
Saturday 11 November 2023 7.30pm
Tickets Adults £15 and £15 (concessions) accompanied children under 16 free
Book your tickets online at www.stiveschoral.org or by phone 01480 352058